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Serial No: 10/829,587 Docket No: 1211055
Filing Date: 04/21/2004 Applicant: Vincent Lai
Examiner: HANSEN, JAMES ORVILLE Art Unit: 3637
Title: DEVICE FOR QUICKLY DETACHING AND REASSEMBLING
THE FRONTMASK OF A COMPUTER CASING

To: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status.

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, a conditional petition is hereby made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

4. FEE FOR CLAIMS: The fee for claims has been calculated as follows:

| Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest No. Previously Paid For | Present Extra |
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| Total 2 | - 20 | = 0 |
| Ind. 1 | - 3 | = 0 |

5. FEE PAYMENT: No fee is required at this time. Authorization is hereby given to charge any required fees to deposit account number 16-2497.

6. Certificate of Mailing (37 CFR 1.8a): I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

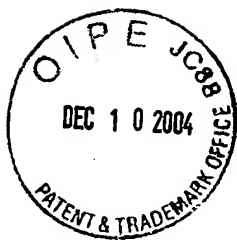
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Dear Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action dated 10/20/2004:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-2. (Canceled)

1 xx 3. (New) A device for quickly detaching and reassembling a frontmask of a computer
2 casing comprising:

3 two holes in an upper part of the computer casing are two holes, said holes fixedly
4 receiving a hook-shaped clip,

5 a movable device installed in a lower part of an inner side of the casing,

6 a hole in a base of the computer casing to receive an anchoring element,

7 a plurality of sliding clips slidably mounted in a guideway of a slide bar,

8 a wedge-shaped push-head located on an upper side of each end of the movable
9 device, the push-head each having a beveled surface on an lower edge thereof,

10 a retraction spring installed beside the movable device,

11 a handle located beside the movable device,